

ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Summary of Minutes

January 22, 2002

Voting Members Present:

David A. Felix, Lt. Colonel/CJSD, representing Chairman Dennis A. Garrett, Director, Arizona Department of Public Safety

Harry Beck, Deputy Chief, Phoenix Fire Department

David Bennett, Assistant Police Chief, representing Harold Hurtt, Chief, Phoenix Police Department

Jan Hauk, President, Arizona Fire District Association

Larry Stevens, Commander, representing Danny Sharp, Chief, Oro Valley Police Department

Voting Members Absent:

Ray Allen, Assistant Fire Chief, City of Tucson Fire Department

Michael Austin, Director, Arizona Division of Emergency Management

John Corder, Chief, Show Low Police Department

Michael F. Fusco, Fire Chief, Arizona Fire Chiefs Association

Brian Hounshell, Sheriff, Apache County Sheriffs Association

Richard Miranda, Chief, Tucson Police Department

Roy Ryals, Director of EMS Services, Rural/Metro Ambulance

Other Attendees:

Carol Campbell, Project Coordinator, Phoenix Police Department

Eddy Cheng, EDP Manager, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Milan Dobras, Telecommunications Engineer, Arizona Department of Public Safety

Ward Fleger, Deputy Chief, Mesa Fire Department

Michael Gills, Consultant Associate; Booz-Allen & Hamilton

Joe Hindman, CSB Police Administrator, Phoenix Police Department

Joe Jakoby, Systems Engineer, City of Tucson

Carole Kirsch, Program Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Curt Knight, Telecommunications Bureau Manager, Arizona Department of Public Safety

Blake McClelland, Commander, Phoenix Police Department

Christine O'Connor, IT Assistant Director, City of Tucson

Stan Park, Radio Communications Manager, Arizona Department of Corrections

Jim Perry, Administrator, City of Tucson

Don Pfohl, Communications Director, City of Mesa

Georgene Ramming, CJSD Chief of Staff, Arizona Department of Public Safety

Robert Ramming, Project Management, Government Information Technology Agency

Jeffery Resler, Commander/CIO, Arizona Department of Public Safety

Kevin Rogers, Support System Analyst, Northern Arizona University Police Department

Larry Sayers, Radio Communications Manager, Pima County

Scott Tillman, Telecommunications Engineer, Arizona Department of Public Safety

Liz Wallendorf, Project Manager, City of Tucson

Paul Wilson, Captain, Pima County Sheriff's Department

Call to Order

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David Felix opened the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Introductions of the attendees took place.

Minutes

The minutes of December 6, 2001, was a coordinated effort from DPS and PSWN staff. A majority of the voting members were not present, therefore, approval to accept the minutes of December 6, 2001, will be presented at the next meeting.

PSWN Updates

Michael Gills mentioned that the PSCC staff should get all public safety entities in the state together to obtain support. PSWN provided a consensus statement for the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. PSWN has also developed consensus statements and fact sheets to use as tools to promote awareness of the committee's efforts. To request this information, or for best practices, guides, and how to's, please contact the information clearing house at 1-800-565-7796 (PSWN).

Mr. Gills advised to contact David Felix, if anyone has briefings set up with senior level staff.

The PSWN Forum, one-day Arizona conference for interoperability scheduled April 30, 2002, to explain concept to elected officials was also discussed.

Committee Input on "Official Letterhead" or a "Catch Phrase"

The committee was asked to provide input and share their ideas concerning official letterhead or a logo for the PSCC (e.g., AZWINS - Arizona Wireless Interoperability Network System; or possibly adding member agencies on the letterhead, etc.).

Legislative Resolution Update

House of Representative Jim Weirs will be the sponsor of the Resolution.

Needs Assessment RFP Update

Curt Knight mentioned the Technical Subcommittee is still working on how best to define the "needs" versus "wants" in an RFP. The technical subcommittee would like to suggest to the PSCC that the corner posts of our needs analysis may be partially expressed as follows:

1. Arizona's ideal configuration would be based on a hybrid 800/700 MHz system statewide. With the assumption that new 700 MHz systems would be compatible with many existing 800 MHz systems in both protocol and subscriber equipment.
1. Preferred migration path(s) for agencies ready to move into the 700 MHz arena, while maintaining existing and planning for improved interoperability.
1. Additions and improvements to be put into place to improve existing levels of interoperability with/for agencies not able to migrate to the ideal platform and those that have.
1. Role of mobile data in interoperability efforts for Arizona.
1. Requirements of a carrier network to support items 1 through 4.

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Ability of the State microwave carrier network to support items 1 through 4.

Don Pfohl mentioned that there are data channels within 700 MHz. We should establish shared systems, and not compete with each other. The faster data speed, the smaller the coverage area.

The critical thing is getting the backbone that allows everyone to connect to the system.

It was suggested to include language about data in the RFP, include a DPS plan, as well as how it plans to integrate statewide.

Southern Arizona Public Safety Communications Summit

The concept was taken on aggressively by the City of Tucson. A Southern Arizona Summit on Homeland Security and First-Responder Communications is scheduled for February 11, 2002, at the Tucson Convention Center. Tucson invited all the Counties (except the smaller counties), Tucson Water, DOT, local ADOT and City Transportation to see if there is a need to engage at anytime.

Open Discussion

David Felix mentioned that Commander Jeff Resler has been assigned as the Chief Information Officer for DPS, and he will coordinate Information Technology and Telecommunications projects and get more involved in all technology related issues.

David Felix mentioned that the \$500K may be released in Spring 2002.

Don Pfohl provided a project update on Mesa. Staging tests were performed the first week of December (for three days) and the equipment met the requirements. A Motorola compliance test was performed on the fourth day to ensure they had standardized messages. An interoperability test was performed on the last day.

The APCO Western Regional conference is scheduled March 20-22, 2002, in downtown Phoenix.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission will host the meeting at 3737 N. 7th St., Suite 260, in Phoenix, AZ.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Action Items:

- The committee was asked to provide input and share ideas concerning the possibility of official letterhead or catch phrase for the PSCC, and bring back comments to the next meeting on March 26, 2002.